

FILM STARS BONDED TO PROTECT MORALS

Taylor's Murder Leads to Insertion of Clauses in New Contracts.

TO CLEANSE INDUSTRY

Organization Formed to Drive All Objectionable Persons Out of Power.

TRAGEDY'S WIDE EFFECTS

It Is Still a Mystery Despite Search Costing \$100,000—Victim Left \$10,000.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. LOS ANGELES, April 23.—All hope of solving the mystery surrounding the murder of William Desmond Taylor, noted film director, in his apartment on February 2, has been practically abandoned by the police authorities and the members of the film colony. Nevertheless, the case still has its influence upon that colony and seems to shadow many persons whose names were brought into prominence in the efforts to solve the riddle.

For one thing it has been in large measure responsible for the driving from power of Chief of Police Everington, the conduct of the investigation and the handling of the entire problem being sharply criticized from the outset and reaching a crescendo of disapproval as it became manifest that many of the most important clues had been overlooked by the investigators or disregarded by them.

In addition, practically all of the persons most frequently questioned in the case have left the city or have suffered nervous breakdowns. Henry Peavey, negro serving man to Taylor, has fallen upon days of dire need, finally going to San Francisco, where for a time he attracted much attention, only to slip into the background again, soon being lost to general notice.

Death of Chauffeur.

Earl Tiffany, former chauffeur for Taylor and one of the most important witnesses of events immediately preceding the tragedy, is dead from causes not yet fully understood by the authorities.

Paul Nordman, the last friend of Taylor's to see him before his death, has suffered a nervous breakdown and is in a hospital near this city. Mary Miles Minter, another friend of the slain man, first suffered a nervous breakdown and then recovered sufficiently to be taken to Hawaii for recuperation.

Edward Sands, former secretary to Taylor, who has been sought by State and Federal authorities in this country, in Canada and in Mexico, apparently has vanished without leaving a trace. Meanwhile a former soldier in the Canadian army and later exonerated by the authorities and later exonerated by the authorities questioned as to his possible relations with Taylor.

Perhaps the most promising clue developed in the case was the investigation has been that brought to light by the discovery of a body closely resembling that of Sands in the sand on the beach in the vicinity of Santa Ana, near here. This man was a former service man, as was Sands.

The Taylor case has, entirely apart from the question of who was the murderer, tremendously affected Hollywood. It has resulted in the introduction of morality clauses into all contracts with stars. In addition it has resulted in a system whereby an actor, director or other important motion picture person can be bonded against defalcations in virtue just as cashiers are bonded against defalcations in money.

It has also caused the formation of an organization comprising virtually all branches of the motion picture industry, its avowed purpose being to drive from that industry all persons whose conduct in private is such that it is likely to become a handicap to the profession. It also has caused, according to a well founded estimate, the publication within a sixty day period of more than three million words in various journals in this country and Canada dealing with either the new angles of the case or with moral, social and professional questions which it touched or was thought to have touched.

\$100,000 Spent in Hunt.

From the morning on which his body was found by Peavey up to the present time the search for Taylor's slayer and investigations growing out of the case have cost in excess of \$100,000. Yet the net result is less than nothing, for Taylor's identity has not even been fully established, and no more in known to-day than on the morning of February 3 regarding his murder.

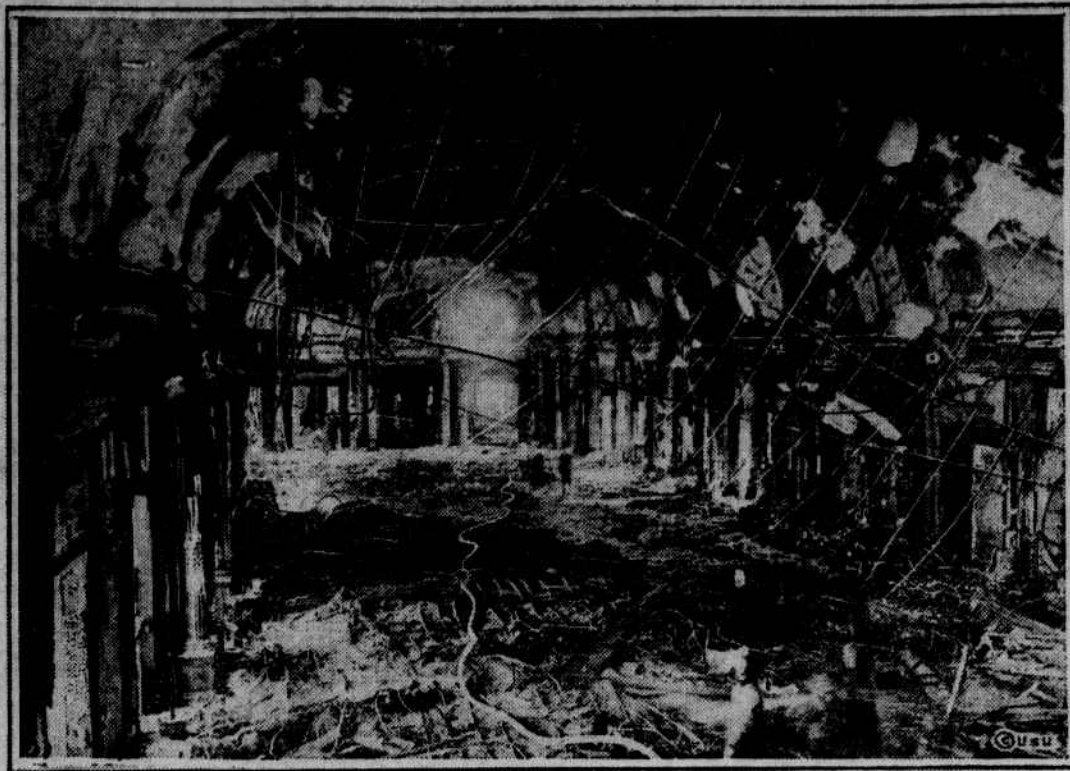
After nearly three months of investigation Taylor's murder is not only not known but Taylor himself hovers as a complete enigma in the case. And, as if to add strangeness to the whole affair, this man, whoever he may have been, who was slain after receiving during a fairly long period a salary equal to that of the President of the United States, left an estate that amounted to almost nothing.

Rated at first as a millionaire, it finally developed that his net estate at the time of his death was appraised at close to \$10,000. His daughter, who was sole heir, has never come to this city. His other relatives have kept haughtily in the background. The whole case, in other words, remains a complete mystery.

Frank G. Schrenckelson of New Rochelle, attorney for Miss Ethel Daley Deane-Tanner, and her mother, Mrs. E. L. C. Robins of Orienta Point, Mamaroneck, said yesterday that the news from Los Angeles regarding the \$10,000 appraisal of the Taylor estate was "a great surprise" to him. Only two weeks ago, he declared, Public Administrator Frank Bryson of Los Angeles stated in a letter to him that the estate totaled \$24,000.

Mr. Schrenckelson said Miss Deane-Tanner had no intention at any time of going to Los Angeles, as the legal part of the affair is being transacted between himself and an attorney in Los Angeles. Apparently the counter claims entered some time ago by persons claiming to be relatives of the slain director have either been withdrawn or ignored by the authorities in California. No one was at home at the Robins place at Orienta Point yesterday, although both Miss Deane-Tanner and her mother are living at that home.

Fire Swept Ballroom of New Willard Hotel



JOFFRE HERE TO-DAY ON FIVE DAY VISIT

Faces Strenuous Schedule Before He Sails for France on Saturday.

The arrival of Marshal Joffre to-day on the last leg of his trip around the world will mark the beginning of a strenuous five days for the veteran French military leader until he sails for France on Saturday.

An official welcome has been arranged by the Mayor's Committee on Reception to Distinguished Guests, of which Rodman Wanamaker is chairman, which will meet the Joffre party at Pennsylvania Station on the train from Washington, which is scheduled to arrive at 3:11 P. M. Marshal Joffre will be accompanied by Mme. Joffre, their daughter, Col. Islay, Major Davey and Capt. Malliere, the Marshal's aide; Col. U. S. Grant 3d, and, perhaps, Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion. The welcoming party will include William F. Deegan, State commander of the American Legion; Gaston Liebert, French Consul-General, and Rodman Wanamaker.

The Mayor will be waiting at the City Hall and a short ceremony will be held tendering Marshal Joffre the freedom of the city, after which the party will go to the Seventh Regiment Armory at Park avenue and Sixty-fifth street, where Marshal Joffre will be greeted by various French societies. In the evening there will be dinner at the Ritz-Carlton of the Academy of Arts and Letters, and later the Marshal has an invitation to attend the slayer's ball at the Hotel Astor.

During his visit Marshal Joffre will take part in the celebration of the Gen. Grant and Molere anniversaries.

GEN. PERSHING HOST TO MARSHAL JOFFRE

Distinguished Official Party Attends a Reception.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Washington, D. C., April 23.

Gen. Pershing entertained a company of distinguished officials at luncheon to-day at the Shoreham Hotel in honor of Marshal and Mme. Joffre. Marshal Joffre was commander of the French armies when Gen. Pershing went overseas in command of the American forces.

The guests included the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes, Secretary of the Treasury, Mellon, Secretary of War and Mrs. Weeks, Senator and Mrs. Frelinghuysen, Senator and Mrs. Du Pont, Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Robert N. Coontz, Major-Gen. Clarence A. Williams, Major-Gen. and Mrs. Merritt W. Ireland, Brig.-Gen. McCawley, the Military Attaché of the French Embassy and Mme. Dumont, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Wadsworth, Third Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Woods Bliss, James G. Harbord, Mrs. George C. Marshall, Mrs. Gibson Fainstock, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman and Mrs. King Carley.

FIRE TIES UP BROADWAY.

Cars Delayed Two Hours—Subway Nearly Flooded.

Surface car traffic on Broadway was tied up for nearly two hours and the subway B. R. T. subway was closed to within an inch of the top of the rails at the Canal street station as a result of a fire that started yesterday afternoon in the Canal street station. The fire spread with lightning rapidity. Shein and seven employees went to the fire escapes and descended to the second floor, where they had trouble releasing a drop ladder. The fire gave the policemen went to their assistance. While he was releasing the ladder there was a back draft on the upper floors which sent all of the windows out into the street, showering him and the other men with glass. The policeman was the only one injured.

In front of the building there is a grate that admits air to the Canal street station of the subway. The water poured through this grate in a cascade and down into the station platform. The drain pipes between the tracks were not able to carry off the water, with the result that it rolled along between the tracks for some distance to the north. The fire gave the apparatus that responded to three alarms a hard fight for more than an hour.

TRANSFER HUNGRY MOSLEMS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 23.—Twenty-five thousand Russian Moslems scattered in the famine districts of Russia will be transferred to the underpopulated provinces of Eastern Anatolia. Negotiations with this object in view have been concluded with the Soviet Government.

GAS AND FARES DOUBLED.

VIENNA, April 23.—Street car fares and the price of gas and electricity have just been advanced 100 per cent, making them fourteen times more than they were one year ago.

NEW WILLARD FIRE ROUTS OUT GUESTS

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Pont, McNary, Rawson and Calder were guests of the hotel. Senator and Mrs. Calder occupied rooms on the eighth floor. They were fortunate in rescuing most of their baggage before the water began seeping through the ceiling.

C. C. McChord, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Mrs. McChord were among those routed out of their rooms. Among others were Representatives Husted, Ward, Dunn and Snyder of New York, John Philip Sousa, Hanford MacNider, commander of the American Legion; John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican National Committee; Mrs. George Maynard Minor, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Adolph Zukor, movie magnate; Robert W. Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier Journal; Arthur B. Krock, publisher of the Louisville Times; Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, and Edward A. Dickson, publisher of the Los Angeles Express.

The fire was brisk while it lasted. Half the Washington Fire Department responded to the call. Mr. Coolidge was awakened by the furor of the arriving apparatus. He went to a window, saw the engines swing into action across the street and called Mrs. Coolidge. The Coolidges thought the fire was near by and fetched chairs to a window that they might watch the excitement. A few moments later they were told that the fire was above their heads.

Refugees Disregard Water.

Water came down the mail chutes and filled the big metal mail receivers. It came pouring down the onyx columns in the lobby. Finally a rivulet trickled down the steps to the already overflowing pavements. That did not seem to discourage the refugees at all. They laughed and chatted brightly after they became used to each other's underwear and night clothes.

At the height of the excitement Olga Petrova appeared seeking knights brave enough to rescue her magnificent wearing apparel on the ninth floor. Two Congressmen who after mature thought decided it would be just as well if they let the actresses have all the publicity attaching to the incident volunteered. They got one trunk down stairs. Mme. Petrova sized them up as inexperienced porters.

"I'll make it \$5 apiece if you'll only get a move on," she snapped. The Congressmen quit work at once. Mme. Petrova threatened to report them to the management.

Mrs. Abraham Cohen of New York, who has been suffering from pneumonia in her room in the New Willard, was carried out on a stretcher and taken to a hospital.

MARYLAND TO JOIN FLEET.

New Flagship Will Go to Southern Drill Reservation.

The U. S. S. Maryland, new flagship of the Atlantic fleet, which has been at the Brooklyn Navy Yard since her speed trials, will put out to sea on or about May 5, it was announced yesterday. The ship will be headed upon to-day in Washington, besides the annual midshipmen's cruise and the exercises with the radio-controlled ex-Idaho.

The Maryland, commanded by Capt. David Poole Sellers, flies the flag of Admiral Hilary P. Jones.

WOMAN TO RENEW BATTLE ON PISTOLS

New Jersey Legislator Will Reintroduce Bill Wrecked by Joker Amendments.

To a woman belongs the credit of making the nearest approach to providing New Jersey with a counterpart of the New York State Sullivan law. For several years efforts have been made to stop the easy purchase of firearms in New Jersey, but the bills that were introduced in the State Legislature never got beyond committee. This year Mrs. Katherine W. Brown of 9 Virginia avenue, Jersey City, Democratic member of the General Assembly, succeeded in putting through a bill, which, if it had gone unamended, would have made it necessary for every purchaser of a revolver or other dangerous weapon first to obtain a permit from the municipal authorities.

"Provided I'm reelected," Mrs. Brown told a reporter for THE NEW YORK HERALD yesterday, "I'm going to keep at it until the teeth are put back in that bill. New Jersey has been known for altogether too long a time as an arsenal for the criminals of surrounding districts—the first place that a New York crook thinks of when he wants a gun in a hurry."

"The bill as I introduced it was a drastic one, because I felt drastic action was necessary. But by the time Senate for Case had succeeded in attaching the last of his amendments, when the bill reached the Senate, things were left just about as they are now. It is not generally realized how powerful the lobbies are which oppose bills to restrict the purchase of firearms."

"Why was I interested in firearm legislation? When I was sent down to Trenton I cast around in my mind for some place of work within my reach which if completed would mean happiness for a large number of people. In the face of the crime wave and the uneasiness which it brought into so many homes and offices I couldn't think of anything more pressing than a bill of purchase of firearms."

After the passage of the Case amendments three more were appended by Senator Simpson, the most important of which exempted the owners of automobiles and other vehicles from the ban against carrying firearms for any lawful purpose. These were mysteriously lost before the bill reached the Governor for his signature, and the law went on the statute books without them. There is doubt whether the law can be sustained or if there is any method by which the error can be corrected.

"The disappearance of those amendments," said Mrs. Brown, "may have been an accident, and it may also have been a trick to keep New Jersey where she is."

According to the proprietors of sporting goods and hardware stores the business now being done in firearms in New Jersey is unprecedented.

BERLIN FINDS ALIEN PROBLEM DIFFICULT

Riotous Living There Blamed Largely on Foreigners.

BERLIN, April 23 (Associated Press).

The police are finding the alien problem increasingly difficult. Since the resumption of transportation after the recent railroad strike the number of Russians in Berlin has swollen to 230,000. They are of all classes, from apparently wealthy to "down and out" emigrants. Many are law abiding and seemingly wish only a quiet life; others, whose sources of income are mysterious, have become denizens of the underworld.

The Berlin police believe it is about time for the outside world to be informed on the "riotous living" which is inspiring much hostile criticism abroad, most of which is laid at the door of the native Germans. The police claim there is unimpeachable evidence that such excesses are solely indulged in by foreigners. They cite a typical instance, when at a recent raid on a well known all night cafe with a Russian name in the fashionable West End, of eighty persons asked to show their papers sixty-one were foreigners. These included 16 Russians, 4 Lithuanians, 2 Letts, 2 Italians, 2 Rumanians and 1 each Polish, Swedish, Belgian and Hollander.

NAB 'CLEVER JIMMY,' \$400,000 BURGLAR

Detectives Capture James Luzon and Find Vast Stores of Rich Plunder.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau. Washington, D. C., April 23. Charles Luzon, alias "Clever Jimmy," self-confessed escaped convict and burglar, who boasts of stealing \$400,000 worth of valuables in 200 burglaries, was arrested here last night. A trunk said by the police to belong to Luzon, was located in Baltimore this afternoon and brought to Washington. It contained a complete set of burglars' tools.

The prisoner has been the terror of the city for a year. He admits that he has stolen approximately \$200,000 worth of jewelry from apartments and residences here, but also confessed to having worked in Richmond, Baltimore and other Eastern cities.

At Police Headquarters the prisoner boasted of what he had done, saying he started stealing when he was 10 years old.

Last fall I went to Havana with \$32,000 in my pockets," he said, by way of illustrating the ease with which he got money: "went into a game of craps and brought out only my skin-home."

In Detroit, the prisoner said, he was arrested and helped the police to recover approximately \$60,000 worth of jewelry that he had stolen from apartments. His long experience, he said, made him a jewelry expert, and when he visited apartments he took only the best jewelry from among what he found. He melted the gold and sold metal and stones separately.

Luzon said he had been arrested in Chicago for burglary and sentenced to twenty years. He escaped from Joliet prison and wandered about the country until arrested in Detroit, where he gave an assumed name and was sentenced from two and a half to five years in the State prison at Jackson. He was not identified by the police as the escaped man from Joliet and fled from the Michigan prison in 1920.

When overtaken in a car yesterday

Toronto's "Cellar Police" for Liquid Property

TORONTO, Ontario, April 23.—This city now boasts a cellar police force to guard the liquid property of wealthy citizens. Two men accused of stealing seven cases of Scotch whisky from an upstairs residence were captured by a member of the cellar squad before the liquor got further than the lawn. The officer says he is employed to watch twelve cellars and that several men are similarly occupied in Toronto.

Luzon, realizing that he was caught, submitted to arrest, although he had a revolver in his pocket, another in his grip and a blackjack in the car.

With Luzon when arrested was Mrs. Virginia Betty Carroll, an actress, who gave her home as Baltimore. She told the police she met Luzon in Baltimore and accepted an invitation to ride over here. She did not know anything about the prisoner's record, nor where he obtained his money, she said. She was held for investigation.

The police found a woman who gave her name as Olive Luzon and said she was the wife of the burglar, although she disclaimed all knowledge of his burglaries.

She later admitted that her name was Poole, and that she had left her husband in Cleveland a year ago for Luzon. In the house the detectives found two large hand bags and one trunk completely filled with jewelry, furs and silverware. The jewelry consisted of ropes of pearls, brooches, sunbursts, rings and bracelets. In the trunk, and used to protect the jewels, were valuable fur coats and neckpieces. In another house the detectives found two more trunks filled with jewelry and silver.

BLAST SPARED AMERICANS.

Several in Monastir Are Reported as Uninjured.

SALONICA, Greece, April 23.—No Americans are reported to have been injured in the explosion of war stores in Monastir, southern Serbia, last week. Mrs. William Brewster of New York city, formerly conducted an American missionary school in the center of Monastir, and her family are in Salonica. Among Americans believed to be in Monastir are the Misses Mann and Cameron.

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